



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Diego Region



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In reply refer to:
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Mr. Mark Grey, Regional Director
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Dear Mr. Grey:

LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS

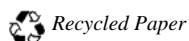
On July 22, 2004, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ, prescribing general waste discharge requirements for the discharge of biosolids to land for use as a soil amendment in agricultural, silvicultural, horticultural, and land reclamation activities. This Order, adopted in accordance with California Water Code section 13274, specifies requirements that are more explicit than Synagro's current requirements under Regional Board Order 97-012 for its operations within the Santa Margarita Watershed of Riverside County. Consequently, we have decided to use State Board Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ to regulate future applications of biosolids by Synagro in the watershed.

Enclosed is a copy of Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ. As required by Provision 1.a of the Order, a Notice of Intent (NOI) must be submitted for each field or distinct application area prior to the application of biosolids. The NOI must be submitted at least 30-days prior to the date of the proposed application and the NOI must be signed both by the property owner and the principal executive officer of Synagro. Further information regarding this Order is on the State Board web site at www.waterboards.ca.gov/hearings/biosolids_peir.html.

Also enclosed is a copy of tentative Order No. R9-2005-004, *An Order Rescinding Order No. 97-012*. Tentative Order No. R9-2005-004 will be considered for adoption by the Regional Board at its February 9, 2005 meeting. Please provide any written comments regarding the tentative Order and subsequent regulation of biosolids application projects under Order No. WQ-2004-012 no later than January 21, 2005. The February 9, 2005 Regional Board meeting will be open to public participation and will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. at our office located at 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, California.

We appreciate the past efforts of Synagro of California, Inc. to comply with the waste discharge requirements issued by this Regional Board and look forward to working with you to maintain compliance with the new requirements in the future. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call Mr. Bob Morris at (858) 467-2962. Please note the heading portion of this letter includes a Regional Board code number noted after "In reply refer to: " In order to assist us

California Environmental Protection Agency



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Respectfully,

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Enclosures: Order No. 2004-012-DWQ
Tentative Order No. R9-2005-004

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